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1. APPRECIATE REFTEL (A). FOLLOWING ARE SCHWEBEL'S  
COMMENTS.

2. AFRICA. WARMLY AGREE WITH REIS (USUN) THAT EL  
ERIAN'S CANDIDACY STRONGLY MERITS USG SUPPORT AND, FOR  
REASONS HE WELL STATES, I HOPE THAT U.S. NATIONAL  
GROUP WILL GIVE THE MOST POSITIVE CONSIDERATION TO IT.  
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EL ERIAN IS HARVARD AND COLUMBIA EDUCATED, LIBERAL,  
PRO-WESTERN, MODERATE IN HIS OPINIONS, IMMODERATE IN  
HIS FRIENDSHIPS AND A MAN OF EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE WHO  
HAS DEMONSTRATED HIS READINESS TO STAND UP PUBLICLY  
TO THE RADICALS OF THE THIRD WORLD. THE SEAT IN  
QUESTION IS AFRICAN BUT EGYPT IS AN OAU MEMBER AND IS  
REGARDED AS AFRICAN FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ICJ

ELECTION. THE MADAGASCAN CANDIDATE MAY ATTRACT SOME BLACK AFRICAN, ESPECIALLY FRANCOPHONE VOTES, BUT IN ILC CIRCLES IT IS BELIEVED THAT EL ERIAN WILL RECEIVE SUPPORT OF STATES SUCH AS KENYA. HE IS BEING NOMINATED, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, BY A NUMBER OF WESTERN EUROPEAN NATIONAL GROUPS. THE MADAGASCAN CANDIDATE IS UNKNOWN TO SCHWEBEL BUT, ON GEOGRAPHICAL GROUNDS, FRANCOPHONE AFRICA DOES NOT SEEM ENTITLED TO MORE THAN ONE SEAT, WHICH IT WOULD HAVE IF EL ERIAN REPLACED IGNACIO PINTO.

3. LATIN AMERICA. POSITIVE VIEWS ON SETTE CAMARA EXPRESSED REFTEL B HOLD. SCHWEBEL NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH GOMEZ ROBLEDO BUT HIS HIGH REPUTATION IS BORNE OUT BY REFTEL C. NEVERTHELESS IF U.S. NATIONAL GROUP WERE TO NOMINATE A LATIN AMERICAN, I WOULD HOPE IT WOULD BE SETTE CAMARA WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE THE STRONGER CANDIDATE AND WHO HAS FURTHER ADVANTAGE OF BEING OF AN AGE MORE SUITABLE FOR ELECTION TO A NINE YEAR TERM THAN IS GOMEZ ROBLEDO.

4. THERE IS A RUMOR IN GENEVA THAT JUDGE JIMENEZ DE ARECHAGA (URUGUAY) WILL STAND FOR RE-ELECTION AFTER ALL. IF THIS IS TRUE, HIS CREDENTIALS WOULD OVERPOWER EVEN THOSE OF SETTE CAMARA. EMBASSY MONTEVIDEO MAY WISH TO CHECK THIS WITH FONOFF. WHEN DE ARECHAGA VISITED GENEVA RECENTLY, HE TOLD UN SECRETARIAT HE IS NOT A CONFIDENTIAL

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CANDIDATE. IT WOULD BE SURPRISING IF HE HAS CHANGED HIS MIND.

5. AGREE WITH REIS'S REMARKS ON SRI LANKA CANDIDACY.

6. EASTERN EUROPE. IT APPEARS THAT JUDGE PLATON MOROSOV WILL PROBABLY BE RENOMINATED BY USSR, WHICH IS A PITY, SINCE HE IS A STALINIST HARD LINER OF INJUDICIOUS TEMPERAMENT. IN ANY EVENT THERE WOULD BE NO POINT IN THE U.S. NATIONAL GROUP EXPENDING A NOMINATION ON A SOVIET NATIONAL.

7. WESTERN EUROPE. SCHWEBEL DIFFERS SOMEWHAT WITH REIS IN HIS APPRAISAL OF THE AGO/MANNER RACE. MANNER IS A FINE GENTLEMAN AND ABLE LAWYER (AND AN EXPERT ON INTERNATIONAL WATERCOURSES, EXPERTISE WHICH WOULD BE MUCH MORE USEFUL ON THE ILC WERE HE TO SUCCEED AGO HERE THAN ON ICJ). HE CERTAINLY IS MORE MODEST AND LESS MERCURIAL THAN AGO. AGO, HOWEVER, HAS FAR MORE POWERFUL PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS, NOT ONLY BECAUSE HE HAS WRITTEN A GREAT DEAL IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (SOME OF IT EXCELLENT, SOME UNDULY THEORETICAL) BUT

BECAUSE HIS EXPERIENCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL SPHERE IS SO GREAT AND VARIED. HE HAS BEEN AN OUTSTANDINGLY SUCCESSFUL INTERNATIONAL PRACTITIONER AND ADVOCATE AND, THROUGH HIS YEARS OF LEADERSHIP IN THE ILO, HAS VALUABLE KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. HE IS RESOURCEFUL, SHREWD AND ARTFUL AS WELL AS EXCEEDINGLY SMOOTH. HE IS A FORMIDABLE ANALYST, JURISPRUDENTIALIST AND DEBATER. HIS POLITICAL VIEWS ARE DIFFICULT TO CHARACTERIZE. WHILE HE IS VERY MUCH A WESTERNER AND UNSYMPATHETIC TO THE EAST, HE IS PREPARED TO INDULGE

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THIRD WORLD EXTREMISM AT TIMES. OCCASIONALLY, HIS ILC PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN INIMICAL TO U.S. INTERESTS. AT THE SAME TIME, ONE MORE UNKNOWN TO WEIGH IS THE POLITICAL PRESSURE THE USSR MAY BE ABLE TO EXERT ON A FINNISH JUDGE. CERTAINLY MOROSOV WOULD NOT HESITATE TO TRY TO DICTATE TO MANNER, BUT MANNER IS A MAN OF INTEGRITY WHO DOES NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF BEING EASY TO PUSH AROUND. IN ALL, THE NATI NAL GROUP AND THE USG COULD REASONABLY GO EITHER WAY ON THIS ONE. BUT IN THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL COMMUNITY AGO IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS THE MORE QUALIFIED

CANDIDATE, A FACT WHICH WILL BE REFLECTED IN HIS  
NOMINATION BY THE UK, FRANCE AND MANY OTHERS, IF WHAT I  
HEAR IS CORRECT. MY OWN INCLINATION WOULD BE TO SUPPORT  
AGO AND TRY TO ELECT MANNER TO THE ILC.  
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